

Application No.: 10/660,410

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action dated November 16, 2005. Claims 1, 3 to 10, 12 to 37 and 39 to 59 are in the application, with Claim 2 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1, 6 and 33 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 6 to 10, 12 to 37 and 39 to 59 have been allowed, and that Claim 2 contains allowable subject and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 3 to 5 continue to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,356,233 ("Miller"). Without conceding the correctness of this rejection and in an effort to expedite issuance of the allowable claims, Applicants have cancelled Claim 2 and incorporated its allowable subject into independent Claim 1 thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Accordingly, independent Claim 1 is now believed to be allowable over Miller. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection of Claim 1 are respectfully requested.

Claims 3 to 5 depend from independent Claim 1 and therefore are also believed to be allowable over Miller. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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